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To Whom It May Concern:

I am opposed to the proposed settlement in the Microsoft antitrust trial. I feel that the current proposed settlement does not fully redress the actions committed by Microsoft in the past, nor inhibit their ability to commit similar actions in the future. The vast majority of the provisions within the settlement only formalize the status quo. Of the remaining provisions, none will effectively prohibit Microsoft from abusing its current monopoly position in the operating systems, Internet browsers, desktop applications, application development languages, and (soon) networking markets, nor limit its ability to unfairly dominate new markets such as game consoles, personal video recorders, and Internet service providers.

The proposed settlement does nothing to correct Microsoft's previous actions. There are no provisions that correct or redress their previous abuses. The provisions weakly attempt to prohibit the future repetition of those abuses. The provisions do not even attempt to address serious issues such as application file formats which Microsoft changes only to limit competition. This, in my opinion, goes against the very foundation of justice. If a person or organization is able to commit illegal acts, benefit from those acts, and then receive as a "punishment" instructions that they cannot commit those acts again, they have still benefited from their illegal acts. That is not justice, not for the victims of their abuses, and not for the American people.

While the Court's desire that a settlement be reached is well-intentioned, it is wrong to reach an unjust settlement just for settlement's sake. A wrong that is not corrected is compounded.

Yours Very Truly,

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